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Unemployment Statistics
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the study conducted on "Employment and Unemployment Situation Among Major Religious Groups in India", the Hindus and Christians are the lowest in employment and suffering from unemployment problems;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government to address the problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) and (b): National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) has been conducting quinquennial employment-unemployment surveys to measure employment-unemployment related indicators. Based on these surveys, NSSO inter-alia estimates Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR) among different religious groups. Last survey on employment-unemployment was conducted during NSS 68th round (July, 2011 − June, 2012). Based on this survey, a statement showing Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR) according to usual status among major religious groups is given in the statement at Annexure-I.

(c): Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country, like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM).

Government has also decided to strategically promote labour-intensive manufacturing and expand employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries.

New schemes have also been launched which includes Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana and Swatchh Bharat Mission (Gramin), and Seekho aur Kamao Scheme launched for the skill development of minority communities.

A new Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has been established to coordinate the skill activities across Ministries. In order to improve the employability of youth, around 20 Ministries run skill development schemes across 70 sectors. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), about 76.11 lakh persons were given skill development training in the year 2014-15 (upto March, 2015) under these schemes.